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Senate

The Senate met at 3 p.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. GRASSLEY).

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

O God, our righteousness, as each new day seems to bring the unexpected, we thank You for Your power that keeps us from stumbling on life's road.

Today, give our lawmakers the wisdom to find in You their refuge and strength. Lord, as they face complex challenges, may they plead to You for guidance and fellowship. Remind them that in the multitude of counselors, there is safety. May our Senators plant seeds of righteousness in order to reap our harvest of goodness and grace. May they make You the foundation of their hope and joy, as You empower them to meet every trial without weariness.

Lord, have mercy upon the loved ones of Rayshard Brooks and the many others who are buffeted by the winds of despair.

We pray in Your sovereign Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The President pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HAWLEY.) The Senator from Iowa.

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to speak for 1 minute in morning business.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

WORLD FOOD PRIZE

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, this time of year for the last roughly 30

years, the World Food Prize has announced a laureate. The laureate announced this year is Dr. Rattan Lal. He will receive the prize for his work on soil health at the annual ceremony that has taken place in Des Moines for the last 30 years in October.

Often called the Nobel Prize for Agriculture, the World Food Prize is awarded for exceptional achievements that advance human development by increasing the quantity, quality, availability of, or access to food. The award was created by Iowan Dr. Norman Borlaug, who is credited with saving more lives than any other person who ever lived through his pioneering work in developing new, more productive plant varieties and particularly plant varieties free of disease. The Green Revolution sparked by Dr. Borlaug made it possible for India to feed its people.

Dr. Lal, also from India, is being recognized for his work, which will be of interest to Iowans and others around the world. Dr. Lal said:

Achieving hunger-free humanity, soil degradation neutrality, negative emission farming, and pollutant-free water are among principal challenges which can never be ignored. . . . Sustainable management of soil and agriculture is also essential to keeping global temperatures within the safe range and restoring the environment.

If people want to know who Dr. Borlaug is, he is one of the two statues that Iowa has put in Statuary Hall. He is one of five people in our country who have received a Nobel Peace Prize, the Congressional Gold Medal, and the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

I yield the floor.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader is recognized.

BUSINESS BEFORE THE SENATE

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, 3 months ago, States were implementing

stay-at-home orders as the coronavirus spread throughout our country. Three months ago, George Floyd was still alive, and the killing of Breonna Taylor in Louisville had just begun to reignite a national discussion around policing.

Our country has confronted what feels like several years' worth of upheaval in just 3 months. Small businesses and childcare centers are trying to figure out how to safely reopen. Schools and universities are trying to plan for the fall. Healthcare professionals and essential workers are continuing to man their posts, help strangers, and keep our country going. Peaceful protesters have continued to express outrage over the killings of Black Americans, and our Nation's police officers—overwhelmingly good, decent, and brave people who put everything on the line for their neighbors—have continued to faithfully serve under trying circumstances.

These are the kinds of challenges our Nation should meet with unity, like when the Senate wrote and passed the historic CARES Act unanimously in March. But unfortunately, in some corners of the country, our Nation's strategic reserve of sanity appears to have run a little low. We have seen peaceful protests hijacked by violent riots. Apparently, rioters thought the best way to argue against a strong police force was to terrorize innocent people and small businesses for nights on end.

Then, completing the absurd cycle, we have seen the far left hold up these riots as proof that we should defund or disband the police in this country—as though the vast majority of Americans in the country would not interpret the anarchy in precisely the opposite way.

As I noted last week, we have seen some big-city mayors use health restrictions to construct constitutionally dubious double standards, where massive protests are blessed and encouraged, but small, careful church services are still banned. In Seattle, we have

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